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Dr. Richard W. Lowe
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Dear Mr. Lowe:

Please accept my most sincere apology for having failed to answer your letter of May 17 addressed to Mayor Leo P. Carlin. Because the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations and not the Mayor himself was responsible for the process of selection of clergymen to serve on the Clergy Advisory Council, I am taking the liberty of substituting for the Mayor. In this morning's mail, I received your second communication addressed to Mr. Alexander Mark, chairman of our Commission on Group Relations. Just as soon as I can reach him, he will be given your letter.

To answer your questions as directly as possible, the Mayor advises me as his secretary to contact the local headquarters of each Protestant denomination and procure from them the names of their nominees for service on the Advisory Council. This I did some three months ago and received some 40 separate nominations. Of those 40 who were requested to serve, 38 responded affirmatively.

We respect your right to question 3 of the named clergymen and we are certainly delighted with your interest in Clergy Advisory Council. If you feel so strongly about this matter that you wish to request the Mayor to ask for the resignations of the 3 persons whom you do not respect, this action is certainly within your right as a thinking and intelligent citizen of this community. I am enclosing all of the current material and information on the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, and we will certainly appreciate any suggestions you can give us for the greater effectiveness of our program. You appear to be a highly articulate and intelligent person so please feel free to make suggestions to this City agency. With kind personal regards.

Cordially yours,

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